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Dear Deborah,

I feel almost too
sad to convey to you the news
that Emily Rotch died this morning
at seven o'clock, after a long
and suffering illness of some
6 to 8 weeks. As near as I can
ascertain she died of dropsy
on the chest, or some thing of
that nature, superinduced
by confinement, through which
she got along very well. The
little girl is about two months
old & is very well. These things
are the terrible ^{realities} ~~ones~~ of life. The
loss of property is as naught in
comparison - that may be replaced
even if it is not nature adapts
us to our situation & we are
content & happy - but the separa-
tion of all the endearing ties of

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Wife & Mother, are truly the severest
sorrows. Seven children are now
left without a kind and fond
mother to comfort them in their
cares and troubles on this life's
journey. Poor Mitty & all of them
as well as Mr Morgan's family
are indeed to be pitied. —
Emily was always a favorite
of mine; I have known her from
childhood — being born a neighbor
living there in Saint Thomas Area
for several years. She has suffered
much a great part of the time
mostly from oppression. I returned
home last night having spent
a few days at Milton & was
surprised to find she was
so unwell, for on Saturday & Sunday
they felt very much encouraged
but a great change took place
yesterday morning, & she

suffered much till she died -
I have not heard when the funeral will take place -

I went to Boston Monday on business, expecting to return that night, but Chas Parker & Trac Euster both of whom are my class mates & live in Milton insisted on my going out there & spent there which I did & had an exceedingly pleasant time - Old Mr Channing, Mr Euster's Mother in law is very sick & they think there is some chance of her not recovering as she has a very sore throat, swelling, I think & is in her 84th year, though she has had severe attacks before. We are all well at home - Louisa Sant's Wife is much better. She is able to ride out - Some time she was in a very critical situation - her complaint is an

enlargement of the heart -
I received your letter stating
your intention of going to Staten
Island & I do not know but
you may be there now -

Business continues to be
good - people must eat
and if we cannot get Southern
wheat, we have been able
to get some excellent Michigan
wheat which makes nearly
as good flour & comes lower
& is on the whole taking
into consideration the price
equally as satisfactory - Mr
Lindsey has sold out the "Mercury"
to Messrs Baker & Co. Fremden our
late collector - I hope they will
take strong ground against the
South - the Col has been a democrat
& pro Slavery - but he has wheeled right
about & is making speeches at Hay
Raising, violently against the South - ^{abolition}
Guthrie & Ricketts

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